



The Chitimacha Newsletter

Notes from the Chairman's Office

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Greetings,

Summer has arrived and with it comes the time for many of us to take part in community and family events. It seems the spring season just begs for outdoor activities and many of us seem to oblige. I made plans to lead the MDA motor-cycle rally again this year and as always, looked forward to the fun and excitement of raising money to fund muscular dystrophy research. I would like to thank the riders in our community who participated in the ride from Cajun Harley Davidson in Lafayette to Cypress Bayou with me. We left around seven- seven thirty from my house. As a national vice president of the association, I had the honor of representing the organizations' efforts throughout the year, not just at rally time. It has been fulfilling to see the research bring us closer to a cure each year. This year, we will see the resumption of "gene therapy" trials, which has been the most promising step toward a cure that I've seen in my time with the organization. Let's all continue to support the search for a cure.

The month of May was certainly significant in that it ushered in the time to qualify for candidacy for election. The first full week of May was qualifying week, (this year, May 2nd through 6th) and the offices to be filled are "Chairman", "Vice-Chairman", and two "School Board" positions. I'll mince no words in saying that I was at the sign-up table

bright and early that Monday morning. I have been your Chairman for over seven years and have every desire to continue on this journey into the future. There's plenty to be done and I'm up for the challenge.

This year, among the May activities, there was a Candidate forum. This forum, as last year, was sponsored by the We Manki Steering Committee. This committee requested the use of the Tribal School gym on the 15th of May (Sunday) and held the forum as a public service. I encouraged candidates to take this opportunity to participate in the question and answer session that served to share their goals as a candidate. Next, I encouraged members of our community to attend the forum to "meet the candidates" and hear their views. I was pleased to see several of you there. Just after the forum, I hosted an open house reception at my home and invited everyone to join Countice and me for food and refreshments. I know it was a Sunday night and I didn't expect guest to stay late, but I did enjoy seeing those that did stop by.

The month of June was certainly a busy time. The general meeting was held on Saturday, June 11, the same day as the election. Even though the meeting was brief, we were all given an update on the Shorty's project, as well as an update on future projects from the Development Director, Brian Headley. As for the election, I'm sure the majority of you are aware of the results. I remain your Chairman, and we congratulate and welcome, Tricia Mora as our new Vice-Chairman. I want to thank Lonnie Martin for his time of service, and as our outgoing Vice-Chairman, wish him only the best. I would also like to congratulate, Naomi Guillory on her win for School Board. As for the remaining position for School Board, there will be a runoff election on July 9, 2005, between Brenda Clements and Kitty Vilcan. I wish them well, and remind each and everyone again to please participate in your government by casting your vote.

June 12, was the Appreciation Day ceremony. I would like to thank all of those involved for making the day an enjoyable and successful event. I'm sure I can speak for everyone in saying how delicious the meal was, and how gratifying the games and gathering was. Again, I would like to congratulate all of the students on their educational accomplishments that were in attendance, and those who were unable to join us.

Enjoy your Summer,

Until next time, Huya Nito

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

MARCH & APRIL:

CASES: (66)

26 Civil Actions (22 Garnishments/2 Civil Complaints/2 Petition for Possession/1 petition for Restraining and Rule for Protective Order)

01 Juvenile (1 Juvenile Petition)

39 Domestic (34 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/1 Petition for Change in Custody/2 Petition for Guardianship/2 Petition for Divorce)

00 Criminal

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (10)

(Assignment/Liens)

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (9)

(1 General Power of Attorney/3 Act of Transfer of House/5 Residential Lease)

CASES PENDING AS OF APRIL 1, 2005

TRIBAL COURT: (23)

08 CIVIL
11 DOMESTIC RELATIONS
03 CRIMINAL
01 TRAFFIC
00 CRIMINAL TRAFFIC
00 JUVENILE
00 APPEAL

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL COURT: MARCH

One regular session was conducted on **March 8, 2005**, at which time **13** matters were scheduled to be heard. One matter was dismissed and one matter was settled..

(03) JUVENILE

(03) CRIMINAL

(06) DOMESTIC

(1) CIVIL

The second regular session was conducted on **March 22, 2005**, at which time **5** matters were scheduled to be heard. One matter was reset for a later date.

(01) JUVENILE

(01) CRIMINAL

(03) DOMESTIC

There were three special sessions conducted in March. On **March 10, 2005**, at which time **1 Juvenile** matter was heard, the second on **March 15, 2005**, at which time **2 Domestic** matters were heard, and the third on **March 30, 2005**, at which time **1 Criminal** matter was heard.

TRIBAL COURT: APRIL

The first regular session was conducted on **April 5, 2005**, at which time **17** matters were scheduled to be heard. Seven matters were reset for a later dates. One was settled. One was dismissed.

(05) JUVENILE

(03) CRIMINAL

(04) CIVIL

(05) DOMESTIC

Four jury trials were scheduled to be heard during the week of **April 11-15, 2005**. One was settled prior to trial and three matters were reset for later dates.

(03) CRIMINAL

(01) CIVIL

The second regular session was conducted on **April 19, 2005**, at which time **8** matters were scheduled to be heard.

(02) JUVENILE

(01) PROBATE

(01) CIVIL

(04) DOMESTIC

NEXT REGULAR SESSION:

Our next regular session was scheduled for **Tuesday, May 17, 2005**, with open sessions beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at (337) 923-7806; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro St., Chitimacha Reservation; and our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



APRIL 2005



For the month of April 2005 six traffic citations were issued-speeding, driving under suspension, stop sign violation, no proof of insurance, no proof of registration and operating a vehicle with a switched plate.

For the month of April 2005 one male subject was arrested on charges of battery on a police officer, two counts of resisting an officer, four counts of simple battery, and misrepresentation during booking.

Congratulations to Communications Officer Gloria Loston on becoming P.O.S.T. certified. From February 14 to May 2, 2005, Gloria attended the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office 42nd Basic Training Academy and received instruction on various topics which included legal aspects, report writing, accident investigations, calls in progress, courtroom testimony, defensive tactics, domestic violence, fingerprinting, first aid, interview and interrogation, chemical weapons, radar certification, police ethics, vehicle stops, weapon certification and physical training. Good job Gloria!

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

BE ALERT-recently we have had reported incidents on the reservation and in the Charenton community of an individual or individuals knocking on the door to residences late at night or in the early morning hours. It appears that if there is no answer at the door the individual will then attempt to gain entry into the house or attempt to burglarize any vehicles on the property. If any resident should hear a knock on their door and they look out and do not recognize the subject or do not see anyone, please contact the police department immediately and explain the situation to the dispatcher so an officer can be dispatched to check your property.

HOME SAFETY TIPS

*Make sure all entry doors are solid wood (not hollow-core) or metal wherever possible; install sturdy deadbolt locks and use them. Make sure windows on ground levels are secured with appropriate locks. Be sure all entrances are well lighted-install motion lights under carports and by main entrances. When leaving your residence or retiring for the evening, make sure all windows and doors are properly secured.



*Be sure doors have wide-angle viewers (peepholes) placed conveniently for everyone in the household.

*Trim trees and shrubs that could be used for cover.

*Stow ladders, mowers, garden tools, bicycles, and the like when you are not using them.

*Keep valuables out of easy view, especially in vehicles. Purses, wallets, gifts, and the like should not be readily visible from the door or the street.

*Keep your vehicles locked and do not leave any valuables in

*Someone at the door? Use your viewer and don't unlock the door unless you know and welcome the visitor or you have made a positive identification by calling the employer yourself.

***MAKE SURE ALL RESIDENCES HAVE HOUSE NUMBERS CLEARLY DISPLAYED ON THEM, IN ORDER TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL TO FIND. Responding emergency personnel can waste precious time searching for the correct residence if it is not clearly marked with a house number.**

CHITIMACHA COMPREHENSIVE CODES OF JUSTICE

TITLE VII SECTION 902-OPERATION OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV'S)

(A) A person may not operate an all-terrain vehicle upon any roadway or roadway shoulder in this jurisdiction.

(B) An operator of an ATV may make a direct crossing of a roadway but such operator shall:

(1) First bring the ATV to a complete stop before crossing any roadway.

(2) Yield the right of way to any motor vehicle or pedestrian.

(3) Cross the roadway only when such crossing can be made in safety.

(C) A person may not operate an ATV in the following ways which are declared to be unsafe and a public nuisance.

(1) In any area which prohibits the use of ATV's as designated by the Tribal Council and so clearly marked.

(2) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage to such person or property.

(3) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.

(4) In any garden or tree nursery area, school area, business area or area not owned by the operator or his or her family (if a minor).

PENALTY: Any person violating this section shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$250.00 and/or the ATV may be impounded and held until impoundment fee in the amount of \$50.00 is paid.

NOTE-ATV'S ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY OPEN FIELDS ON THE RESERVATION OR ANY OPEN FIELDS BY OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO.

ATV'S ARE PERMITTED IN THE OPEN FIELDS OFF OF RALPH DARDEN MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND THE LOOP ROADS OFF OF THE PARKWAY. THESE ARE THE ONLY DESIGNATED AREAS ON TRIBAL LAND THAT ATV'S WILL BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE.

If you are riding your ATV, in a safe and slow manner, on the side of the roadways of the reservation in order to get to a designated riding area, the Chitimacha police will not stop you. However, if you are riding in an unsafe manner and at a high rate of speed, on the roadway, expect to be stopped and given a citation.

We ask that parents/guardians explain to their children, or other juveniles in the household, the codes and instructions for use of ATV's.

Parents/guardians will be held responsible for payment of any fines and fees from citations that are issued to juveniles.

We are also asking parents/guardians to inform juveniles, for safety reasons, that they are not allowed to play or ride bicycles, ATV's, dirt bikes, etc., on the dirt and rubble piles at the end of Chitimacha Loop Road. Thanks for your help!

OBEY THE RULES, BE CAREFUL AND RIDE SAFELY!

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY!

RECREATION NEWS

The **Chitimacha Challenge** is going strong with many participants on their fifteenth week. Congratulations and keep up your workouts.

Track and Field was once again a success this year with 11 participants from school. Our first meet was held in Berwick on Tuesday, March 22, with 2 other meets in Franklin on April 5th and 12th. Devynn DePue received plaques for Most Valuable Performer in the Berwick Meet and Most Valuable Field in the Parish Meet. New record holders for Chitimacha include: Shot Put – Devynn DePue 31'3", 800 Meter Run – Elizabeth Butaud 3:12, Triple Jump – Devynn DePue 26'2 ½", Long Jump – Devynn DePue 13'2".

Our 2005 Track and Field team is pictured with participants: Grant Darden, Ariel Marsh, Maggie Darden, Elizabeth Butaud, Devynn DePue, Heather Simoneaux, and Chris Moneaux. Missing from photo: Kole Fluke, Nathaniel Menard, Dallas Brown, Calieb Johnson, Philbert Schexnaider, and Aaron LeBlanc.



Baseball/Softball is in full swing with games on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Sports Complex. We have two teams of T-Ball and 9-12 girls' softball. We also have 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 boys' baseball teams. Once again this year we're playing a combined league with Baldwin and Franklin, using Chitimacha as one of the game sites. Opening day was held on April 16, at Caffery Park in Franklin. We'd like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting our teams. For more information on recreational activities, call us at 923-4975.

Pictured are 9-10 boys, and T-Ball participants, Tayla Bernauer and Amanda Vilcan, and 9-12 girls, Katie Vilcan.



Pool News! Many people have asked about the pool opening. **We're scheduled to open Wednesday, May 11. Lifeguards will be on duty from 3:30 – 5:00 PM on opening day.** We're looking forward to a big turnout.

SPRING HOURS: Beginning Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Pool closed on Mondays

Tuesday – Thursday, 7:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Friday – 1:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturday – 1:00 – 7:00 PM (Lifeguards on duty 1:00 – 4:00 PM)

Sunday – 1:00 – 7:00 PM (**No lifeguards**)

SUMMER HOURS: Beginning Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Same hours as above including: **Lifeguards on duty** Tuesday - Saturday 1 – 4 PM

No lifeguards on Sundays

Swim Lessons and Swim Team: Registration for swimming lessons was a success, and the participants all did well. Swim Team is an introduction to competitive swimming that consists of three morning practices per week with two meets against New Iberia. It begins at age 5 but they must be able to swim the length of the pool. We'd like to say thank you to all of our participants on a job well done.

LA Fitness Meet was held on April 30 in Baton Rouge at LSU. Representing St. Mary Parish was: Grant Darden, Elizabeth Butaud, Taylor Darden, and Kole Fluke, along with alternate, Dallas Brown. Participants are pictured.



We'd like to say farewell to our eighth graders at the Chitimacha Tribal School. They are listed below, with the many sports/recreational activities they participated in **throughout the years:**

Ciera Johnson - Track and Cross Country

Michael Mora

Scottie Darden – Basketball

Chris Moneaux – Track and Field

Devynn DePue – Cross Country, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Volleyball, Basketball, Swim Team, Flag Football

Lindsey Martin – Cross Country, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Volleyball, Basketball, Swim Team, Hershey's Track and Field

Magdeline Darden – Cross Country, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Volleyball, Basketball, Swim Team, Flag Football, Hershey's Track and Field, LA Fitness Meet, Iddy Biddy Basketball

We'll miss you all!

Tribal School News

Qaxtiqi! Waxtaxaamu (spring) is in the air and the students in Kiciigx Sam's class are saying, Kaya, Kaya kap nechcpa, waxta waqanki hesigan qeha, Johnny nahdsibu gihti waajika. (Rain, rain go away, Come again another day, Little Johnny wants to play.) The 8th grade students have been busy learning a special blessing to say at their Student/Parent luncheon. All other classes are busy reviewing new words we've been learning this year. Juqunk Qamcuk! (See you later!)

Second graders are eager to finish the last weeks of school. Everybody has reached their goal in the Pizza Hut Book-It program. We had a pizza party in April to celebrate our victory. In Math we have been measuring everything in our classroom, using every kind of measuring tool there is. We will be estimating and measuring weight in customary units and mass in metric units. We will learn how to read a thermometer using Fahrenheit and Celsius degrees. Our Reading story is From Seed to Plant. This is an informational story about the life cycle of plants. This story will tie in with our Science Unit, which is also about plants. We will plant seeds in small cups and observe these seeds as they grow into plants. We will also incorporate the Chitimacha culture in this unit.

With only two months left of school, Ms. Beth's third grade class has really been hard at work getting ready for fourth grade. They've been mastering their multiplication facts and began learning division this week. The students have just recently set up their classroom "store" which they named, "The Stop N' Shop". Ms. Beth taught them how to use the real cash register and they collected items from the classroom to buy and sell in the store. The third graders work in pairs, one being the customer and one being the cashier. The cashier is responsible for adding up the merchandise on the cash register, collecting the money from the customer, and then making the correct change. The customer must then add the total of the items he/she bought with the amount of change received and should get the amount of money he/she started with. They are really having fun with this! In Science, students are learning about "How Native Americans Kept Track of Time". They are discovering how their ancestors used the stars, the moon, and the sun to help them keep track and tell time. Students will make a "moon stick" in class and make the pictures they draw on the moon stick tell a story about important events in their lives.

April 8th the third, fourth and fifth grade students were treated to a Pizza Hut pizza for completing the Book-It! Reading program.

The fourth graders are involved in science activities this week and celebrated Earth Day, April 22. April was also Child Abuse Awareness month and they had a good time creating our banner for the walk with the whole school. In our group they placed first on their banner! The 7th grade and the 1st grade also won first place for their banners in their groups. Good Job!

Ms. Keeri would like to send out congratulations to Karli Mensman and Kole Fluke. Karli has earned 98.4 AR points for the year. She will be receiving her gold star on her AR charm necklace. Keep up the good work! We hope everyone has a great finish to the school year.

The 6th graders are studying natural resources, both renewable and nonrenewable. We are also discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each, as well as the impact of each type on the environment. In Math we are interpreting information in graph form – single and double line graphs, single and double bar graphs, pictographs, and circle graphs.

All grades are in the midst of individual science projects. The students have some really interesting ideas. The completed projects will be on display at the school starting April 20th.

The 7th Graders are studying the novel, Flowers for Algernon. The class is working on research paper topics dealing with mysteries and enigmas. They are studying adaptations of animals and plants and are learning how animals adapt to their environment in order to better survive. They are reading several Native American legends dealing with animal adaptations as well. In Math they are investigating perimeter of various figures from drawings and from word problems.

The 8th graders are studying the solar system in Science. We are learning about the sizes, orbits, atmospheres, density, and rotation of the planets as well as many other interesting things. We are making a distance model to understand the enormous distance between the sun and the planets. In math we are investigating translations, rotations, reflections, and dilations in a geometric context. They are doing job shadowing on the reservation and getting ready for the prom on May 14th and graduation on the 19th.

May 2, 2005, 80% of parents attended the parent/student led conferences (This is not the Parent Workshop) and 32% of the parents attended the Spring Parent Night Workshop Dinner and Presentation.

The presentation entailed a description on the Titles Programs, Staff Professional Development, future evaluations of the curriculum, making adequate yearly progress, update on LEAP/IOWA of 2005 and the iLEAP 2006. The review and suggestions to the Consolidated School Reform Plan were offered to the parents which can be done at anytime, reminding parents that is always available at school. The results of the Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process were presented. The school received outstanding recognition on the monitoring. A presentation was done by Karen Matthews on a video of students from the school which sent a great message with Social Services. John and Marsha Struck with Quality Educational Supports presented information on Specific Part B Assurances for 2004 Grant Award and Special Education Reauthorization/IDEA information. If anyone would like further information on these topics please contact the school at 923-9960. It has been a great year. As a majority, the students have worked extremely hard and were/are well behaved. I would like to thank the staff for their continued dedication and for the hours worked past the school day. Thanks, Tanya Rosamond.

Our school's end-of-the-year Renaissance Celebration was May 23, at 1:30. Everyone was invited and it was a success!

Congratulations to all of the 5th graders at Chitimacha Tribal School. They graduated from D.A.R.E. a few weeks ago. Way to go Taylor Darden, Kole Fluke, Karli Mensman, Nathaniel Menard, Nick Boudreaux, Sherry Higgins, and Grant Darden. Thanks again to Ms. Amy Theriot, D.A.R.E. officer, for the wonderful experience.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

AWARD WINNERS

PRINCIPALS LIST

Gabriella Darden
Jasi Anderson
Karli Mensman
Kaitlan Louviere

Honor Roll

Erica Compton
Trae' Kitchens
Victoria Vilcan
Kaylee Cormier
Rhett LeBlanc
Grant Darden
Aaron LeBlanc
Ciera Johnson
Lindsey Martin

MOST IMPROVED

Robert Compton
Raine Darden
Trent Darden
Trae' Kitchens
Meagan Williams
Taylor Darden

GOOD CONDUCT

Raine Darden
Peyton Trahan
Kymberlin Landry
Robert Compton
Sage Guillory
Caleb Darden
Trent Darden
Drake Hewitt
Caylin Moneaux
Colby Darden
Joshua Darden
Sarah Guillory
Kati Martin
Tommie Poirrier
Reid Simoneaux
Erica Compton
Gabriella Darden
Trae' Kitchens
Victoria Vilcan
Nata Sedatol
Jasi Anderson
Rhett LeBlanc
Kaylee Cormier
Meagan Williams
Nicholas Boudreaux
Grant Darden
Taylor Darden

GOOD CONDUCT CONTINUED

Kole Fluke
Sherry Higgins
Karli Mensman
Alfred Crochet
Elizabeth Butaud
Keith Leedom
Kaitlan Louviere
Heather Simoneaux
Elizabeth Poirrier
Magdeline Darden
Devynn DePue
Ciera Johnson

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Sage Guillory
Gabriella Darden
Kaylee Cormier
Grant Darden

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Michael Mora 8th

AWARD WINNERS CONTINUED

HIGHEST ACHIEVER PER SUBJECT

First Grade

Reading	Drake Hewitt
Spelling	Caleb Darden
Math	Drake Hewitt
Social Studies	McKaila Darden
Science	McKaila Darden

Second Grade

Reading	Kati Martin
Language	Joshua Darden
Spelling	Kati Martin
Math	Joshua Darden

Third Grade

Reading	Gabriella Darden
Language	Gabriella Darden
Spelling	Erica Compton, Gabriella Darden
Math	Gabriella Darden
Social Studies	Gabriella Darden
Science	Gabriella Darden

Fourth Grade

Reading	Jasi Anderson
Language	Jasi Anderson, Kaylee Cormier
Spelling	Jasi Anderson
Math	Jasi Anderson
Social Studies	Jasi Anderson, Kaylee Cormier
Science	Jasi Anderson

Fifth Grade

Reading	Karli Mensman
Language	Karli Mensman
Spelling	Karli Mensman
Math	Karli Mensman
Social Studies	Karli Mensman
Science	Grant Darden, Karli Mensman

Sixth Grade

Reading	Kaitlan Louviere
Language	Kaitlan Louviere
Spelling	
Math	Kaitlan Louviere
Social Studies	Kaitlan Louviere
Science	Kaitlan Louviere

Seventh Grade

Reading	Ariel Marsh
Language	Aaron LeBlanc
Spelling	
Math	Aaron LeBlanc
Social Studies	Aaron LeBlanc
Science	Aaron LeBlanc

Eighth Grade

Reading	Ciera Johnson
Language	Ciera Johnson
Math	Ciera Johnson
Social Studies	Ciera Johnson
Science	Ciera Johnson

HIGHEST ACHIEVER

Third Grade:	Gabriella Darden
Fourth Grade:	Jasi Anderson
Fifth Grade:	Karli Mensman
Sixth Grade:	Kaitlan Louviere
Seventh Grade:	Aaron Leblanc
Eighth Grade:	Ciera Johnson

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

Award Winners

Principal's List:

Erica Compton
Gabriella Darden
Jasi Anderson
Kaylee Cormier
Karli Mensman
Kaitlan Louviere
Ciera Johnson

Honor Roll:

Gavin Brown
Trae' Kitchens
Kaitlyn Landry
Victoria Vilcan
Rhett LeBlanc
Meagan Williams
Grant Darden
Lindsey Martin

Good Conduct:

Robert Compton
Kymberlin Landry
Sage Guillory
Raine Darden
Peyton Trahan
Caleb Darden
Trent Darden
Drake Hewitt
Colby Darden
Joshua Darden

Good Conduct Continued:

Sarah Guillory
Kati Martin
Tommie Poirrier
Reid Simoneaux
Erica Compton
Gabriella Darden
Trae' Kitchens
Victoria Vilcan
Rhett LeBlanc
Nata Sedatol
Meagan Williams
Kaylee Cormier
Jasi Anderson
Nicholas Boudreaux
Grant Darden
Taylor Darden
Kole Fluke
Sherry Higgins
Karli Mensman
Elizabeth Butaud
Alfred Crochet
Emilee Darden
Jake Gaddy
Kaitlan Louviere
Elizabeth Poirrier
Keith Leedom
Heather Simoneaux
Magdeline Darden
Devynn DePue
Ciera Johnson

Improvement Award:

Sage Guillory
Hannah Butaud
Trent Darden
Gavin Brown
Kaitlyn Landry
Jovan Marcotte
Rhett LeBlanc
Taylor Darden
Nicholas Boudreaux

Perfect Attendance:

Chase Cormier
Sage Guillory
McKaila Darden
Sarah Guillory
Gabriella Darden
Trae' Kitchens
Kaylee Cormier
Nicholas Boudreaux
Grant Darden
Kole Fluke
Karli Mensman
Elizabeth Poirrier

**CONGRATUATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS
AND THEIR PARENTS ON A JOB WELL DONE!!!!**

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL**3613 Chitimacha Trail****Jeanerette, LA 70544****318-923-9960****June 1, 2005****INVITATION TO BIDDERS****BID #CTS 2005-001FS - PURCHASE OF MILK AND JUICE PRODUCTS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Chitimacha Tribal School Board until 5:00 P.M. on July 1, 2005, at the Multipurpose Building, 155 Chitimacha Loop Road, P. O. Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523 for the purchase of Milk and Juice Products.

All bids will be opened and read at the regularly scheduled school board meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at 5:00 P.M. at the Multi-Purpose Building.

Specifications, instructions to bidders and Bid Forms may be obtained at no cost from the Chitimacha Tribal School.

The Tribal School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

If there are any questions regarding bidding procedures, please contact Tanya Rosamond, Principal, at (337) 923-9960.

Chitimacha Tribal School

Jack Darden, President

Publication Dates:

1) June 1, 2005

2) June 2, 2005

3) June 3, 2005

ALL BIDDERS SHALL ADDRESS PLAIN ENVELOPES TO THE CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD CLEARLY MARKED "BID # CTS 2005-001FS-MILK AND JUICE PRODUCTS", DUE BY 5:00 P.M. JULY 1, 2005, AND MARKED TO THE ATTENTION OF JACK DARDEN, PRESIDENT, CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

3613 CHITIMACHA TRAIL

Jeanerette, Louisiana 70544

318-923-9960

BID #CTS-2005-001FS-MILK & MILK PRODUCTS AND FRUIT JUICE – 2005-2006

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL MILK, MILK PRODUCTS AND FRUIT JUICE LISTED:

MUST MEET ALL REGULATIONS OF STATE OF LOUISIANA HEALTH

DEPARTMENT FOR MILK, DAIRY PRODUCTS AND FRUIT JUICE.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
1.	WHOLE MILK Regular whole milk; grade A pasteurized, homogenized; pouches ; 3.5% butterfat Quote price per half-pint container	_____
2.	SKIM MILK Grade A, pasteurized, homogenized, pouches ; Quote price per half-pint container	_____
3.	LO-FAT MILK Grade A, homogenized, pasteurized; pouches ; Quote price per half-pint container	_____
4.	LOW-FAT MILK: FLAVORED Low-fat chocolate milk; 1-1/2% fat; Chocolate flavored; pasteurized, homogenized; Grade A; Vitamin D added; pouches	_____
5.	ICE CREAM - 3 OZ. Packaged in 3 ounce paper cups; chocolate, vanilla, or strawberry; Quote price per 3-ounce cup.	_____

6. FRUIT JUICES -Juice to be FULL STRENGTH; 100% fruit juice; unsweetened; NO SUGAR ADDED; US Grade A; 4 ounce **pouches** each; Apple, Orange or Grape; Fruit to be grown in USA; Fruit Juice to be packaged in USA; Quote price per 4-ounce serving. _____

SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST MEET ALL SPECIFICATIONS

BIDS ARE TO BE MAILED TO:

CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA

Attn: Jack Darden

P. O. Box 661

Charenton, LA 70523

FIRM _____

SIGNATURE _____

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TELEPHONE _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME _____

QUOTATIONS ARE TO BE RETURNED BY JULY 1, 2005, AT 5:00 P.M.

PRICING ADJUSTMENTS

Raw Milk Costs is the net cost paid by vendor for raw milk purchased from a raw milk co-op or producer. This cost consists of the Federal Order minimum raw milk price for the relevant period, plus premiums and assessments charged by the co-op or producer and regulatory agencies. It also reflects the effect of the butterfat differential announced by the USDA. Within twelve (12) days after the date vendor receives notice from vendor's supplier(s) of any such change in vendor's cost giving rise to a price adjustment, vendor will notify the school's representative of such change and the anticipated adjustment to be made in the prices for the dairy products. Any such change in the price of the dairy product shall take effect on the first day of the succeeding month.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DIVISION OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE SECTION

This is the public release that will be sent to Chitimacha Newsletter
Names of News Media Outlets

_____ and
Major Employers Contemplating Layoffs

_____ on July, 2005. These groups must be advised of program availability,
new programs, or changes Date

in existing programs.

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals served

Local School Food Authority
under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program(s). All schools and the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following family size and annual income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

Eligibility Criteria		
Family Size	Free Meals	Reduced-Price Meals
1	\$12,441	\$17,705
2	16,679	23,736
3	20,917	29,767
4	25,155	35,798
5	29,393	41,829
6	33,631	47,860
7	37,869	53,891
8	42,107	59,922
For each additional family Member add:	+4,238	+6,031

Children from families whose income level is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to households. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out an application for each child and return it to the school. If a multi-child application is used, the head of the household should complete one per household. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. The information provided by the household is confidential; it will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Information may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, each household that is now receiving Food Stamps or that is on the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) must its Food Stamp case number or FITAP number as well as the signature of an adult household member. All other households must provide the following information on the application: names of all household members; the social security number of either the parent/guardian who is the primary wage earner, or the adult household member who signs the application, or a statement that the household member does not possess one; the amount of income (before deductions for taxes, Social Security, etc.) each household member receives; how often the person receives the income; where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for meal benefits.

Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may be eligible for benefits. If a household has foster children and wishes to apply for such meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

School Food Authorities that use direct certification benefits should add the following paragraph with appropriate changes:

Households that receive Food Stamps or FITAP benefits are not required to complete an application. School officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the Food Stamp/FITAP office, which will certify that a child is a member of a household currently receiving Food Stamps an assistance unit receiving FITAP benefits. School officials will notify households of their eligibility and that the household must notify the school when it no longer receives Food Stamps or FITAP benefits. Households who are notified of their eligibility but do not want their children to receive free meals must contact the school. Food Stamp and FITAP households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by a reasonable date.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, Mary Naquin (Determining Official) will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make either an oral or written response to the following:

Name: Tanya Rosamond c/o Chitimacha Tribal School

Address: 3613 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70544

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA; Director, Office of Civil Rights; Room 326-W, Whitten Building; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Revised 5/00

PROPOSALS INVITED

Notice is hereby given that School Food Service Authority, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, will receive sealed proposals at the Multipurpose Building, 155 Chitimacha Loop Road, P. O. Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523. Sealed proposals may be submitted until the hour of 5:00 p.m. for food, paper, milk and chemical items for the **2005-2006** school year on **Wednesday, July 6, 2005**.

Specifications, conditions for submitting proposals may be obtained from Jennifer Naquin, Chitimacha Tribal School, 3613 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70544. Telephone (337) 923-9960.

The Chitimacha Tribal School Food Service Program is partially funded with Federal funds.

The School Food Service Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Proposals will be opened and publicly acknowledged at the July school board meeting (the date of which is to be determined and announced at a later date) at the Chitimacha Tribe's Multipurpose Building at the address stated above. The public is invited to attend.

Chitimacha Food Service Manager



CHI TI MACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL NOTICE

First day of school for the
2005-2006 school year:

Monday, August 8th

This is a ***full day*** of school!

New Students:

please register as soon as possible!

Documents needed:

Social Security Card

Birth Certificate

Up-to-date Immunization Record

(check your child's immunization record - your child may be
in need of immunizations. ***Immunizations must be up-to-date upon enrollment!***)

If you have any questions, please call CTS

Summer hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Supply lists were sent home in May.

They are also available at CTS and at Wal-Mart.

News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief

March & April Activities

Training; Monthly drills are being conducted here at the department. In March, our drill topic was on operating a thermal imaging camera, which is a device used to assist firefighters in search and rescue by detecting thermal heat in a burning structure. Training is very essential for this device; it serves a vital use by identifying potential hazards before the search & rescue team reaches them and by making it far easier to locate victims than with conventional techniques alone. The thermal imaging camera, however, has certain limitations, because of this; drills should still be conducted with and without the use of the device. We have trained without the use of the device in search & rescue practices before in past drills, so this time we practiced search & rescue using the device. In April, the drill was instructed by Hal Titus, an EMT, on how to treat O.B. patients and choking children and pregnant women.

Other Departmental Activities; In March our department won second place in the 2005 Gumbo Cook-off in Franklin. Those who helped make that happen was Rick Cook, Kenneth Perry, Julie Persilver, and Kim Paulino. We would like to give a special thanks to Toby Darden for he helped provide funds for the ingredients, also a special thanks to all those who helped and supported our team. We are currently working with the casino in establishing a Tribal Emergency Operating Plan, so far all is going well. In April, we had a meeting with area fire departments in relate to implementing a collaborate search & rescue team involving each department.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the volunteer division here at the fire department, feel free to contact us or just come by and pick up an application.

Response Area Fire Prevention Activities; Monthly fire drills, fire extinguisher inspections, pre-planning, and other inspections are conducted at the educational facilities and Tribal offices.

Notices; The Fire Department has smoke detectors available, if you need a detector or would like to have your present detector checked, call the department and someone will be happy to assist you. We can also inspect your fire extinguisher.?

Emergency Responses; Total Calls for the month of March @ 31 and April @ 22.

“Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names”

-John F. Kennedy

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:

Community Pay Back Program Up-date:

1. The Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day celebration was held on March 20th. We had a great turnout and everyone seemed to have had a good time.

We had Easter Egg hunts for our young people and our young at heart (elderly). For those who chose not to hunt, we had bingo games, a calk walk games and lots of treats. This project is fast becoming one of our best attended events and we are thrilled that our Tribal Members come out to join in the fun and fellowship.

One of the goals of the Community Pay Back Program is to say "Thank you!" for your support of our educational endeavors. By providing family based programs that encourage our members to come together as a "family group" we not only have the opportunity to say thanks, but we have the chance to interact with one another which helps us to build stronger relationships with one another.

Although this project is a Scholarship Program Activity, we could not carry it off alone. Even though we have as many as thirty students working throughout the weekend, we also have the assistance of other strong supporters of our program. Among them is Mr. Leroy Landry...our faithful bingo facilitator. With Mr. Leroy's help, we are able to provide our guests with a pleasant afternoon of bingo fun! We thank him for his support and his belief in this program.

We want to thank Al LeBlanc and his crew for joining in the fun by providing hamburgers and all the trimmings. The College students view Mr. Al's involvement in our program as a vote of confidence in what we do and why we do it! Thanks again!

With the Cultural Department's help, we are able to document our activities. Thank you Jacob Darden for videoing all the fun!

We want to thank Mr. Larry Deslatte for taking the time to bring out his bunnies for us to enjoy. They are so cute.

Even though we had a great time at the Easter program we also had a big problem. Let me explain just how our activities are funded. We, the Scholarship Program, have an annual budget set aside for these Community Pay Back activities. Our budget is to be utilized to put on activities for our Tribal Members. What we are seeing is that we are having a great number of non-tribal guests showing up at our activities. Our budget cannot support all of the unexpected guests who are not Tribal or immediate family members of Tribal Members.

For that reason, we will have to limit the number of non-tribal guests at our Scholarship functions. We hope that all of you will understand that we must utilize our dollars to benefit you and not your non-tribal guests. Your help is needed to insure that only Tribal members and their immediate family members are in attendance at our functions.

2. The Family Fun Fest: This year's Family Fun Fest is coming up in July. We are already making plans for this other major activity. We will be sending out notices in the near future concerning the Family Fun Fest. Any suggestions that you may have will be appreciated. Your assistance is welcome.

3. Summer camp: Last year our Community Pay Back workers facilitated a summer camp at the Recreation Building. We had field trips to local attractions and had fun activities for various age groups. This year, we are trying to get together to plan another summer of fun. However, we may not have the Community Pay Back workers available to have a camp. We will let you know how this is coming along.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK OPPORTUNITIES: Below is a schedule of upcoming Community Pay Back Activities:

Schedule of Events

July 2005

July - 2005

Saturday, July 9, 2005 – (Schedule by 6/29/05) - Sleepover

Family Fun Fest will be held beginning @ 1:00 pm at the Recreation Department. Report to the Scholarship Office for 8:00 am.

Sunday, July 10, 2005 – (Schedule by 6/29/05)

We will use this day for some clean up, discussions, office activities.

Remember to wear your blue t-shirt. If you need one please call or email me with your size. 337-923-4973 ext. 3026 (voicemail) or debdarden@chitimacha.gov

Don't forget deadline to do hours is July 15, 2005

ENROLLMENT NEWS

By Ardith Soprano, Enrollment Director

CHANGE OF INFORMATION: Any time there is a change in a person's name, address, phone number, marital status or in the case of death, the enrollment records must be updated. This can be a monumental task when people cooperate by sending in the pertinent information. But when people do not notify this office of changes, the task is impossible. Each time that a change goes undocumented and our enrollment records are not updated to reflect the changes, the accuracy of our records is again in question. It is our goal to keep reminding you that we need to keep your records up-to-date and that we cannot do so without your cooperation. This is a joint effort! So...If you know someone who has had:

A NAME CHANGE, either due to marriage, divorce or legal name change, please notify this office and provide copies of marriage license, divorce papers, court papers and Social Security Cards under the new legal name. Our Enrollment records cannot be up-dated until the required documents have been received and entered into your records. So, if you change you name, you must change it with us also.

A NEW BORN: If you or someone in your family has had a new born, please notify this office so that we can initiate the enrollment process for the child. Many of you may not be aware, but some of our adults having children are failing to enroll their children into the Tribe. We have Chitimacha children out there who are not yet enrolled and who are not eligible to receive any benefits as a Chitimacha including the Per Capita. This is a situation whereby we have no control. It is up to the parents, grandparents and other family members to see that the children are enrolled. I find it hard to believe that a parent is receiving their per capita each year but is depriving their child of his/her birth right.

In order for a child to be enrolled, an application must be completed by an adult Tribal Member sponsor of the child. This could be the parent, grandparent or other adult enrolled Tribal Member. Once the application has been filed, a certified copy of the birth certificate and a copy of the Social Security Card are required. Also, if the child is claiming eligibility through the father, then DNA tests are required. Once all of the required documents have been received, the child is presented to the Tribal Council for official approval of their Tribal Enrollment.

A DEATH IN THE FAMILY, when a Tribal Member passes away, we have to have a copy of the death certificate in order to close out that Tribal Member's records. It is easy for us to forget to send in this document since we are grieving for our loved ones. We understand this and tend to give you some time to heal from your loss. But, we do have to have a copy of the certificate so we hope that you understand that there will come a time when we will call to get a copy. It is not our intention to bring pain to you during your time of trouble, and we hope that you will forgive us if we do happen to bring that pain back to you by our requesting the needed documents.

A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER: It is almost impossible to keep our addresses and phone numbers up-to-date. Each time that you move or change your contact information, we must enter this information into our records. However, some of you do not let us know of these changes. This costs us a lot of money in wasted postage when we send things out to addresses that are no longer good addresses for you. So, please notify this office at (866) 936-2654 in order to initiate a change for you and any other Tribal Members residing with you (children, elderly parents or any other Tribal Member).

UNTIL next month, I wish you well and hope to be hearing from each of you if you have to change your enrollment information.

THE BEST OF THE BEST!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

THE WINNER!!!!



Pictured (l to r): Toby Darden (Chief Administrative Officer), Amy Simon (Employee of the Quarter Winner), & Karen Matthews (Human Services Director)

Amy Simon was announced as the winner for the **Employee of the Quarter** for the January - March 2005 Quarter. The announcement was made April 26, 2005, after the Employee of the Quarter Luncheon.

Amy has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since August 2, 1999. She works as a Human Services Specialist for the Human Services Department. Amy coordinates and provides educational and general activity programs to Tribal community and prevention programs in the school. She provides assistance to individual clients and families, and conducting therapeutic youth groups. She assist the court system with recommendations for juvenile cases and provide mediation in domestic actions, and other services as court ordered. She locates treatment facilities for placement of adult and juvenile clients and monitor after-care. She was previously awarded the "Employee of the Quarter Winner" in October of 2001. She is married to Mark Simon. They reside in Maurice, Louisiana.

Other Pictures taken:



Pictured above (l to r): Holly Robicheaux (Community Services Administrator), AMY SIMON (Winner), Karen Mathews (Human Services Director) & Heather Sisk (co-worker)



Pictured above (l to r): AMY SIMON (Winner) & Karen Mathews (Human Services Director)



Pictures above (l to r): Karen Smith, Blaise Smith, Heather Sisk, AMY SIMON, Holly Robicheaux & Carrie Saucier



Pictures above (l to r): Tanya Rosamond, Heather Sisk (sister) Tracie Cormier, CHELSEY ADAMS, Kitty Vilcan & daughters Hailey Bourgeois & Rayven Adams



Pictures above (l to r): CHELSEY ADAMS, Hailey Bourgeois, Heather Sisk,



Pictured above (l to r): Johnny Bobbitt, Judy Bobbitt, Derrick LaGarde, Grant LaGarde, Tammy LaGarde, Sheila Gaddy, Hannah LaGarde, & Jared Anslum



Pictured (l to r): Denise Hodge, Sam Boutte, TAMMY LAGARDE, Sheila Gaddy & Tanya Rosamond

*****Paaxta Duskunkatsi Pinun***
(Most Gold Stars)**



Picture above (l to r): Chelsey Adams (Gold Star nominee), Tanya Rosamond (School Principal) & Tammy LaGarde (Gold Star nominee)

**Chelsey & Tammy both received
a total of twelve (12) Gold Stars, each,
which automatically nominated them for
“The Employee of the Quarter”.**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

CULTURAL CLASSROOM AIDE

The Cultural Classroom Aide will be responsible for learning the Chitimacha language, assisting the Cultural Instructor in providing group and one-on-one language and cultural instructions, assists in the development of lesson plans, assists Cultural Instructor with curriculum development and scheduling. Makes copies and create materials. Assist in creating, maintaining and updating files and records. Assists and/or substitutes at Yaamahana, as directed. Assists with planning and giving presentations regarding Chitimacha language and/or culture as needed and performs other duties as assigned or required.

This work schedule requires a thirty-five (35) hours work week and follows a school schedule and holidays, including off for the summer. The primary location for this is at the Cultural Classroom at the Chitimacha Tribal School assisting the Cultural Instructor.

QUALIFICATIONS

A high school diploma or GED. Relevant teaching, linguistics, cultural/ heritage program development or closely related experience preferred. Preferably one (1) year of relevant clerical, secretarial or closely related experience. May be required to attend evening meeting and/ or otherwise work outside the traditional work schedule.

* **MUST BE AN ENROLLED CHITIMACHA TRIBAL MEMBER.**

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A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION.

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SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTING.

TO APPLY: Please submit resume to the Human Resource Department at the mailing address below before the close of business, (11:30 a.m.) Friday, July 8, 2005.

"Cultural Classroom Aide"
Human Resource Department
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
P O Box 661

Public Announcement

Cypress Bayou Casino will be holding a **FORKLIFT TRAINING CLASS** on July 26, 2005 in the Employee Services training room located at the casino. This training class will be offered once again on Aug 2nd. These two classes are the only ones offered this year, and are offered at **NO** expense to you.

Any Tribal member or spouse of a tribal member, who wishes to borrow the forklift for on-reservation usage only, must attend this training to obtain the necessary certification. In order to borrow the forklift, you must hold a valid certification card. At the time you come to borrow the forklift, you must provide proof of certification and will then sign a hold harmless agreement as required by our insurance carrier, releasing the casino and tribe of any and all liability prior to taking the forklift off property for your personnel usage.

You can park in the employee parking lot located behind the Pavilion. Employee Services is located behind the screen wall by the Pavilion on the bottom floor of two-story office building.

Class will begin promptly at 8:00 am and should last approximately 45 minutes. It will consist of instructional material with a written test immediately following. Each person successfully passing the written test will be asked to schedule a return visit to complete a driving test which will take approximately 15 minutes.

LEGAL BRIEFS with CHRISTOPHER MORA

Dear Tribal Member:

If you witnessed the recent national coverage surrounding the tragic circumstances of Terri Schiavo, the most important conclusion you could draw is this – if you do not want to be the subject of a similar controversy should you, unfortunately, be in the same position as Mrs. Schiavo, then you should have a living will saying what your wishes would be in that case. This article is intended to inform you as to some important information related to the Louisiana Living Will. The Louisiana Legislature enacted legislation that makes such a document (known as “Declaration”) legally valid, if certain statutory requirements are satisfied. The Declaration, to be valid has to contain a certain form as prescribed by statute. This form requires that:

- 1) The Declaration must be in writing.
- 2) You must sign the Declaration.
- 3) You must execute the Declaration in the presence of at least two (2) witnesses who are competent adults not related to you by blood or marriage and who are not legatees under your will.

If you decide to have a living will and you prepare one, it is important to know that the law puts the burden on you to notify your attending physician of the existence of the Declaration. You should give a copy of the executed Declaration to your attending physician for inclusion in your medical records. Other copies should be given to persons who may be in a position to make medical decisions on your behalf should you be unable to do so, and the original should be kept with other valuable documents.

Should you decide to revoke the Declaration, you should make that known by a written statement to that effect, signed and dated by you, by destroying the Declaration, or by altering the Declaration in a manner indicating your intention to revoke it.

As a final note, the “full faith and credit” clause of the United States Constitution requires that all States should recognize any “Living Will” so long as it is legal and valid in any one State. However, as a matter of prudent estate planning, if you change residence/domicile to a State other than Louisiana, you should consider executing a new “Living Will” under the laws of that State.

I have attached, on the following page, an example of a living will.

If you have any questions about the enclosed Declaration, you should contact an attorney with experience in estate planning.

Christopher Mora is a Chitimacha Tribal Member who served on active duty with the Navy JAG Corps from August 1999 – September 2003 as a legal assistance attorney, trial attorney and general counsel to over 30 Navy Commanders and has worked on several legal issues within the area of American Indian law. He is currently completing a Masters Degree at Har-

LOUISIANA LIVING WILL DECLARATION

_____, 20____

I, _____, a resident of the State of Louisiana, City of _____, Parish of _____, being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make known my desire that my dying shall not be artificially prolonged under the circumstances set forth below and, in accordance with the provisions of La. Rev. Stat. 40:1299.58.1, *et seq.*, do hereby declare:

If at any time I should be in a continual profound comatose state with no reasonable chance of recovery or have an incurable injury, disease, or illness certified to be a terminal and irreversible condition by two physicians who have physically examined me, one of whom shall be my attending physician, and the physicians have determined that my death will occur whether or not life-sustaining procedures are utilized and where application of life-sustaining procedures would serve only to prolong artificially the dying process, I direct that such procedures (including but not limited to artificial means of respiration, hydration, and nutrition) be withheld or withdrawn and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary to provide me with comfort care.

In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of such life-sustaining procedures, it is my intention that this declaration shall be honored by my family and physician(s) as the final expression of my right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and as acceptance of the consequences of such refusal.

I understand the full import of this declaration and I am emotionally and mentally competent to make this declaration.

DECLARANT

The Declarant has been personally known to me and I believe him/her to be of sound mind, and he/she has signed this Declaration in our presence on the date set forth above.

WITNESS

**Booths & Games
for all ages**

**Make your own ice
cream sundae**



**Bingo
4:00 pm**

Chitimacha Family Fun Fest 2005

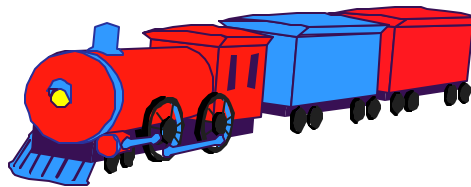
Saturday, July 9, 2005

**@ Recreation/School Compound
Beginning @ 3:00 pm till 7:30
Tribal Families Only!**

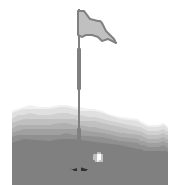


**Bar-be-que - 6:00
No to-go plates**

18 ft Waterslide



**Train - In front of school @
5:30-7:30**



**Golf Course
in Gym**

**Pool Boat
Races**

Frybread

Dunk Tank

Wear Your Hawaiian Attire!

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Chitimacha Outreach Fellowship

The apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians Chapter 4 verses 1-6, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Friends, relatives, and the body of Christ, it is time we unite in the Spirit. We are to watch for the soon return of our LORD Christ Jesus. But until He returns we are to be busy doing His work, so when He does return He will be able to say, “Well done My good and faithful servant.”

We ask you to join us every Thursday (except April 28th) at 7pm. Come join us in worship and prayer for our families, our community, our nation, our health, and our prosperity.

If you need a ride, call Orien or Elaine Butuad ...923-6941 or 578-3233 or 578-1249. God bless you.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Call Kitty @ (337) 923-4973 to place an Ad

The **Friends of the Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge, Inc.** is looking for a Chitimacha Tribal member interested in serving on their Board.

They meet weekly in Franklin and weekend activities are planned to support the refuge (cleanup, recreational programs, etc.). Charter memberships in the "Friends group" will be available after the Board completes the incorporation process. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Kim Walden at 923-9923 ASAP or come by the Cultural Department.

CULTURE NOTICE

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana has received funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services for the replacement of water and sewer lines along Chitimacha Trail. In order for this project to get underway, the Cultural Department needs to do a Cultural Resources Survey of the area. The purpose of this survey is to either confirm or deny the presence of artifacts related to the Chitimacha occupation in this area.

Surveying will begin the week of July 11, 2005 and will last about one week. This will be done only in the front yards of those living along Chitimacha Trail. Test units will be approximately 1' in diameter and about 3' deep and will be dug by shovel or tractor mounted auger. The dirt removed from the holes will be put back, and we will try to leave it like it was before we started.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Cultural Department at 923-9923, or talk to us when we come by your house.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
OUR WONDERFUL NURSE!**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ARTICLES VIA
E MAIL/ ELECTRONICALLY TO
KITTY FOR NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS**

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